



Town of Camden Select Board Meeting August 26, 2014 – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Don White, and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

2. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

A. Recognition of Russell Brace

Martin Cates read a statement recognizing Russell Brace who had recently retired from his post as President of United Mid-Coast Charities. He presented Mr. Brace with a certificate for his accomplishments in raising money for the many charities in the area.

B. Mountain Bike Work Group Update

Morgan Laidlaw and John Anders gave an update on summer progress by the Mountain Bike Work Group. He said that over 2 miles of trails had been constructed and that they were working with landowners toward their goal of building a trail that would stretch from the Snow Bowl to the downtown.

C. Letter re: resignation of Peter Brown from the Parks and Recreation Committee

John French made a motion to accept the resignation of Peter Brown from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. Citizen Comments

Stephen Gold, Tom Resek, Eleanor Mason-Peters and Elizabeth Schumann spoke about the Tannery property. Mason-Peters thanked the Town Manager, staff and Select Board for their courteous and helpful communication during recent discussions regarding North East Mobile Health Service's bid to purchase the property.

Ralph Kelly spoke about painting street lamps and fixing a light over the Harbormaster's shed. He also brought attention to steel rods exposed on Town docks and suggested citizens engage in community service to help with town projects.

Owen Casas told the Board he is running for Representative of Camden, Rockport and Islesboro.

4. Recognition of Brian Hodges, Camden's Development Director

Martin Cates and the Board recognized Brian Hodges who is moving on from his position as Camden's Development Director after 3 years. Hodges spoke about his positive experience as part of the Town staff. Hodges given a gift for all that he'd done for the Town.

5. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated August 12, 2014

Donald White made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported on progress by the Downtown Network Board on installing parking signs in the downtown area and establishing a "Camden After Dark" subcommittee.

White said that the Planning Board had scheduled hearings to consider proposals for a residential pier, enlarging a commercial wharf, and installing a wireless communication on the smokestack. The Board had also reviewed the Business Opportunity Overlay Zone but had not held a vote on this yet.

John French reported that he had attended the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) meeting concerning the landfill project slated for 2018. 187 communities are involved, he said, noting that the landfill would be located in Argyle, Maine.

7. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager reported that the Town Office had experienced its busiest summer in 3 years. She commended the staff for keeping up with the pace. She said that the Windjammer Festival was coming up and that the planning committee had worked hard to prepare for a successful weekend.

8. New Business

A. Award of bids: Snow Bowl Pump House

- 1) Snow Bowl Pump House – excavation
- 2) Snow Bowl Pump House - building addition

The Town Manager told the Board that as part of the Redevelopment Project, the Snow Bowl pump house would be expanded to accommodate a new pump which would double the water pumping capacity to accommodate additional snowmaking. She said that the project would involve excavation to install a concrete well for the new pump and constructing a building addition. Three bids had been received, she said.

John French made a motion to award the Snow Bowl Pump House excavation contract to Jake Barbour Inc. in the amount of \$31,200. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2) Pump House Building addition bid:

Pat Finnigan said that although three bids for the building addition had been solicited, one company had decided not to bid and one withdrew. The responsive bidder was Maple Knoll Builders of Appleton, she said.

Leonard Lookner asked what the budget for the project was. The Parks and Recreation Director said that the budget for the overall project had been \$280,000, so that including the \$100,000 for the new pump, the project would come in at less than half what had been budgeted.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to award the Snow Bowl Pump House building addition to Maple Knoll Builders in the amount of \$12,400. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Parks and Recreation Director Landon Fake provided the Board with an update on progress with the Snow Bowl Redevelopment Project. He said that work on the trails was being completed faster than

expected, that erosion control was going well and that the base terminal was in place. Fake also noted that the road up the mountain had been constructed. Bill Fitzcharles was also present to answer questions from the Board. Finnigan commended the Parks and Recreation staff for their hard work over recent months which included running the summer camp.

B. Award of bids: Spruce Street reconstruction project

Pat Finnigan said that the Spruce Street project would involve reconstruction of the road and would include new sewer and stormwater lines. She said that 3 bids had been received.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to award the Spruce Street reconstruction project to Farley & Son in the amount of \$198,065. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Consideration of request from Camden Public Library to close Atlantic Avenue on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the "Maker Faire."

The Town Manager said that the second annual Midcoast Mini Maker Faire would be taking place on Saturday, September 6th at the Camden Public Library and Amphitheatre. She said that the Midcoast Mini Maker Faire is presented by the Camden Public Library in partnership with Midcoast Magnet.

Donald White made a motion to approve the request from the Camden Public Library to close Atlantic Avenue on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the "Maker Faire." Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Finnigan noted that we are lucky to have a Public Library that brings interesting educational events to Camden's citizens such as the Maker Faire.

9. Licenses

A. Consideration of the following Victualer's License Renewals:

- 1) Abigail's Inn at 8 High Street
- 2) Long Grain Restaurant at 31 Elm Street
- 3) Towne Motel at 68 Elm Street

John French made a motion to approve the Victualer's license renewals for Abigail's Inn, Long Grain Restaurant and the Towne Motel. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

B. Consideration of Lodging License Renewals

- 1) Abigail's Inn at 8 High Street
- 2) Towne Motel at 68 Elm Street

John French made a motion to approve the lodging license renewals for Abigail's Inn and the Towne Motel. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

10. Appointments

A. Consideration of appointment of Jessie Tobias to the Parks and Recreation Committee

John French made a motion to appoint Jessie Tobias to the Parks and Recreation Committee. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

11. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace

Recording Secretary